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1. (U) THE MONTH OF JANUARY WAS PREDOMINATELY DEDICATED TO CODELS, STAFFDELS, AND A VISIT BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, DICARLO AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CLYDE TAYLOR.

2. (U) CODEL RANGEL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DICARLO RECEIVED BRIEFINGS DURING THEIR INDEPENDENT VISITS FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERIOR, THE CHAIRMAN, PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL BOARD OF REVENUE, GOVERNOR, NWFP, AND LESSER OFFICIALS DURING THEIR FIELD TRIPS TO MALAKAND AGENCY.

3. (LOU) THE SAME MESSAGE WAS GIVEN TO ALL THE VISITORS BY THE INTERIOR SECRETARY GENERAL, ROEDAD KHAN. SUBSTANCE WAS THAT THE GOP RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING STRONG ACTION AGAINST NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING, PRODUCTION, AND OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION. ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DICARLO ASKED BOTH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE GOVERNOR, NWFP ABOUT THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ON RISKS IT HAD ONLY THE PREVIOUS YEAR FELT TO BE VERY GREAT AND OF A NATURE WHICH REQUIRED GOP TO MOVE MORE CAREFULLY THAN WAS THEN PROPOSED. THE SECRETARY GENERAL MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE GOP HAD

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MANY DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROBLEM, HAD EVALUATED THE RISKS, AND NOW FELT THAT ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS TRADE WAS MANDATORY. THE EXTENSION OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, DANGEROUS DRUG ACT AND HADD ORDINANCE INTO THE TRIBAL AREA WERE EXAMPLES OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO FACE UP TO COMPLEX NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL ALSO STATED THAT THE REQUEST FOR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN OPIUM POPPY GROWING AREAS OF DIR AND CHITRAL AND THE SDEP PROPOSAL ALSO ILLUSTRATED THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO TAKE BOLD MEASURES IN THE NARCOTICS AREA. POSITION PUT FORWARD BY INTERIOR MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL REPRESENTS AN ALMOST 180 DEGREE CHANGE IN THE GOP'S ATTITUDE OF A YEAR AGO.

4. (LOU) DURING THE EARLY PART OF JANUARY 1984, MISSION APPROACH WITH REGARD TO NEW DEVELOPMENT/ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS IN THE REMAINING OPIUM POPPY GROWING AREAS OF NWFP WAS DISCUSSED. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT WE WOULD URGE AND SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF DEVELOPMENT/ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNFDAC. IT WAS ALSO CONCLUDED THAT SHOULD THE EFFORT BE UNSUCCESSFUL, USAID/P WOULD PUT ITSELF IN A POSITION TO UNDERTAKE BILATERAL PROGRAMS WITHOUT DELAY.

5. (U) DIR DISTRICT IS THE LAST KNOWN LARGE OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION AREA WITHIN PAKISTAN. USING THE STATISTICS AVAILABLE FROM PNCB OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION SURVEY, IT APPEARS THAT IF OPIUM POPPY IS ELIMINATED IN DIR DISTRICT THAT THE NOW KNOWN REMAINING CULTIVATION WOULD PROBABLY NOT EXCEED 5 TO 7 TONS OF RAW OPIUM PER YEAR. CONSIDERING THE PNCB ESTIMATED LOCAL REQUIREMENT FOR RAW OPIUM OF 10 TONS, THE THREAT TO U.S. FROM PAKISTAN GROWN OPIUM WOULD SEEM TO BE CLOSE TO AN END. HOWEVER, PAKISTAN WOULD REMAIN A THREAT TO THE U.S. BECAUSE OF ITS PRODUCTION OF HEROIN USING AFGHANISTAN OPIUM AND/OR THE SMUGGLING OF AFGHANISTAN MANUFACTURED HEROIN THROUGH PAKISTAN.

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6. (LOU) IN JANUARY THE PRELIMINARY WORK TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNICATION REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE REPAIR SHOP AT PNCB WAS COMPLETED. THE SHOP BECAME OPERATIONAL WITH LIMITED STAFF NOW AVAILABLE. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT RECEIVED IN LATE CY82 WAS CHECKED AND INSTALLATIONS BEGUN. CUSTOMS BASE STATIONS AND MOBILE INSTALLATIONS WERE COMPLETED IN QUETTA; AND PNCB BASE STATION AND MOBILE INSTALLATIONS WERE COMPLETED IN LAHORE AND QUETTA. SOME DELAYS IN THE INSTALLATION OF THE BASE STATIONS ARE BEING

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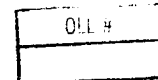
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EXPERIENCED BECAUSE OF LACK OF GOP FUNDS TO INSTALL ANTENNA MASTS. HOWEVER, LATE JANUARY BOTH CUSTOMS RAWALPINDI AND LAHORE COLLECTORATE RECEIVED THEIR ANTENNA MASTS AND PLANNED THEIR ERECTION. THE REPAIR SHOP IN ADDITION TO ORGANIZING ITSELF, STARTING OPERATIONS AND MAKING THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS, ALSO STARTED THE INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF THE 98 HALLICRAFTER HAND-HELD RADIOS PROVIDED PNCB IN 1974. THE INITIAL INSPECTION INDICATED THAT EVEN THE RADIOS TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM ORIGINAL FACTORY CONTAINERS ARE IN VERY POOR CONDITION. IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THAT LESS THAN 25 PERCENT CAN BE SALVAGED.



7. (U) NEW LIFE IS BEING GIVEN THE NARCOTIC TASK FORCES IN LAHORE AND KARACHI BECAUSE OF THE EFFORTS OF DEA PERSONNEL IN THOSE LOCATION, OBVIOUS ATTENTION OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, AND MOST IMPORTANT THE NEW INTEREST OF THE INSPECTOR GENERALS OF POLICE IN THOSE LOCATIONS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WITH ADDED ASSISTANCE THESE UNITS WILL BECOME MORE PRODUCTIVE.

8. (LOU) THE KARACHI CUSTOMS DRUG ENFORCEMENT CELL, AS REPORTED BY DEA, HAS BECOME UNRESPONSIVE TO DEA'S NEEDS; AND, INSOFAR, AS CAN BE DETERMINED, IS DOING VERY LITTLE. THE CHANGE IS BLAMED UPON THE NEW OFFICER-IN-CHARGE. REPORTS OF THE NON-PRODUCTIVITY OF THE UNIT HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY MADE BY THE CHIEF, NAU TO THE CUSTOMS NARCOTIC PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT THE CENTRAL BOARD OF REVENUE, ISLAMABAD. IN ADDITION, NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN THAT OPERATIONAL SUPPORT OF THE UNIT WILL BE DISCONTINUED WHEN FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE ARE EXHAUSTED. CBR HAS INDICATED THEY WILL PICK-UP OPERATIONAL COSTS BEGINNING WITH GOP FY85 (JULY 1, 1984). THE FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE MAY BE SUFFICIENT TO CARRY THE UNIT UNTIL JULY 1.

9. (LOU) THE MALAKAND AGENCY DEVELOPMENT/ENFORCEMENT PROJECT CONTINUES TO PROGRESS. NO AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH IS CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED THE VALLEYS INWHICH THE ENFORCEMENT CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE IN LATE CY83. HOWEVER, ONE TEST DRILLING FOR WATER IS BEING CONTINUED. DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DICARLO'S VISIT HE AND HIS PARTY ALONG WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF MALAKAND DIVISION, THE PA MALAKAND AGENCY, AND OTHER PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT VISITED THE AREA INWHICH THE CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE. A LUNCHEON WAS PROVIDED AND ALL ELDERS OF THE AREA ATTENDED. DURING THE MEAL PERIOD MANY OF THE ELDERS APPROACHED MR. SULYMAN, NAU AGRICULTURALIST AND REQUESTED HE AND THE OTHERS RETURN TO ASSIST THEM. THEY ASKED THAT THEY NOT BE FORGOTTEN. THE MESSAGES WERE PASSED TO THE COMMISSIONER WHO COMMENTED THAT THEY CAN WAIT SINCE THE PLANTING SEASON WAS OVER THERE WAS LITTLE THAT COULD NOW BE DONE.

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10.(LOU) IN JANUARY, THE GOVERNOR VISITED MALAKAND AGENCY. DURING THE VISIT HE MADE IT CLEAR TO THOSE WHO WERE PERMITTED TO GROW OPIUM POPPY THIS YEAR THAT SUCH WOULD NOT BE THE CASE NEXT YEAR IF, QUOTE ' I HAVE TO WADE THROUGH A RIVER OF BLOOD.' UNQUOTE. THE GOVERNOR RELATED THIS STATEMENT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DICARLO AND EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH THREATS CANNOT BE MADE TO TRIBAL PEOPLE WITHOUT THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON HIS PART THAT HE WOULD IN FACT USE AS MUCH FORCE AS NECESSARY. THE GOVERNOR STATED THAT TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD SET THE GOVERNMENT BACK TEN YEARS.

11. (U) WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS TO REPORT RE PROCUREMENT. HINTON

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